



# Scituate Elementary Schools Summer Reading 2021

## *Books as Windows and Mirrors*

Summer is almost here! We can't wait to get outside and enjoy the sunshine and slower pace. A favorite summer activity is curling up with a good book in a park, the backyard, or on the front steps! This summer, we are asking that you set aside time *each day* to read a book of your choice. We hope that the book list included in this packet will help you in your search at the library, the bookstore, or online as you download an ebook (try signing up for [Hoopla](#) using your Scituate Library card number)!

The books you choose can be windows or mirrors for you. When you look through a window with a book, you get the chance to learn about a life that's different from your own, maybe in a place that you've never been. That's one of the amazing things about books; you can travel to a new place, step inside someone else's shoes, and think about things in a new way you've never considered. Some books are mirrors. We recognize the characters' problems, family, thoughts, and feelings as familiar to our own life. Reading about a character you relate to can feel like looking in a mirror and help you understand a little bit more about yourself. Some books can be both a window and a mirror. A character's life can be very different from your own, but you might recognize the same problems and feelings that you have as you read.

This summer, talk to your family about the books you read and take some time to think about if they are windows, mirrors, or both for you. Hopefully you find books that teach you a little bit more about yourself, and also give you the opportunity to step into someone else's shoes and take a new perspective. On the first day of school, bring in the attached sheet for your grade level with one or two of your favorite reads to share with your new class.

## Suggested Book Titles



Students may select books from the curated lists of new titles below OR choose any other books appropriate for their reading level by visiting their local library (in person or online for ebooks) or bookstore. *Book list adapted from the Association for Library Service to Children Summer Reading List.*

Grades K-1	Grades 2-3	Grades 4-5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Black is Rainbow Color</i> (Joy)</li> <li>• <i>Carpenter's Helper</i> (Rosen)</li> <li>• <i>The Electric Slide and Kai</i> (Baptist)</li> <li>• <i>Eyes that Kiss in the Corners</i> (Ho)</li> <li>• <i>Milo Imagines the World</i> (de la Pena)</li> <li>• <i>What about Worms?</i> (Higgins)</li> <li>• <i>Your Place in the Universe</i> (Chin)</li> <li>• <i>Zonia's Rain Forest</i> (Martinez-Neal)</li> <li>• <i>We Laugh Alike/Juntos nos reimos: A Story That's Part Spanish, Part English, and a Whole Lot of Fun</i> (Bernier-Grand)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-Be Best Friend</i> (Quigley)</li> <li>• <i>Lift</i> (Le)</li> <li>• <i>Sadiq and the Green Thumbs</i> (Nuurali)</li> <li>• <i>Skunk and Badger</i> (Timberlake)</li> <li>• <i>Stella Diaz Dreams Big</i> (Dominguez)</li> <li>• <i>Super Detectives: Simon and Chester Book #1</i> (Atkinson)</li> <li>• <i>Truman the Dog</i> (Florence)</li> <li>• <i>The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read</i> (Hubbard)</li> <li>• <i>If You Take Away the Otter</i> (Buhrman-Deever)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Any Day with You</i> (Respicio)</li> <li>• <i>Eva Evergreen, Semi-Magical Witch</i> (Abe)</li> <li>• <i>Isaiah Dunn is My Hero</i> (Baptist)</li> <li>• <i>Pepper Page Saves the Universe!</i> (Walker)</li> <li>• <i>Three Keys: A Front Desk Novel</i> (Yang)</li> <li>• <i>The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez</i> (Cuevas)</li> <li>• <i>When You Trap a Tiger</i> (Keller)</li> <li>• <i>The Year I Flew Away</i> (Arnold)</li> <li>• <i>A Sporting Chance: How Ludwig Guttmann Created the Paralympic Games</i> (Alexander)</li> </ul>

The more you know, the more you grow as a reader. Visit the library or a museum. Go for a hike and notice the nature around you. Visit somewhere far away with a click using a website or podcast. There's so much to learn and do this summer. Enjoy!



[Scituate Town Library](#): Check out the [STL Summer Reading Program](#) and [summer activity calendar](#)!

[Boston Public Library](#): Check out the [BPL Summer Reading Program](#)!



Visit a museum at a discount using [Scituate Town Library](#) or [Boston Public Library's](#) museum passes!



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[The Past and the Curious podcast](#)

[National Geographic Kids website](#)



A reminder to families that students can access Lexia all summer long for continued practice with foundational reading skills. Log on through [Launchpad](#) to pick up where you left off this school year!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Books as Windows and Mirrors for students entering grades 1-3

*Bring this to your new teacher on the first day of school to share a few of your favorite books with your new classmates !*

	Include the title and author
<p>Books I read that were windows</p> 	
<p>Books I read that were mirrors</p> 	

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Books as Windows and Mirrors for students entering grades 4-5

*Bring this to your new teacher on the first day of school to share a few of your favorite books with your new classmates !*

Books I read  
that were  
windows



*Include: title, author, and what experiences or information you learned about that were new*

Books I read  
that were  
mirrors



*Include: title, author, and what experiences or information were familiar to you that you learned more about*